

John Reid to John Coffee, November 2, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

ORDER TO JOHN COFFEE.¹

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Headquarters, November 2, 1813

Genl. John Coffee with one thousand of his Brigade, will with all practicable dispatch cross the Coosa river at the fish-dam ford; and forthwith with one half of his force proceed to Tallushatchee² and destroy it: The other half of his force, so soon as he crosses the river he will dispatch under a discreet officer to the Ten-Islands, with orders to scour the intervening country of all hostile Creeks, and to form a cover for the force immediately under the command of Genl. Coffee. In performing this service Genl. Coffee will cause to be observed the strictest order and circumspection; varying the above order, as in his discretion may seem proper, so as not to depart wholly from the object in view. The commanding general will expect to hear from Genl Coffee in the course of the ensuing night, if practicable that he will form a junction with him by sunrise tomorrow.

² Tallushatchee was situated near the site of Jacksonville, Ala.

By order of the commanding general John Reid, Aid